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CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at least 10 to 12 out of every 100 children are suffering from psychiatric disorders;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether in order to address this issue a workshop was held in New Delhi recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the workshop?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d): While no reliable figures are available, it is estimated that about 10% of school going children suffer from psychiatric problems including neurotic/substance use disorder. A workshop on `International Congress of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions` was held at New Delhi recently sponsored by the Indian Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and PGIMER, Chandigarh. The recommendations of the workshop are yet to be received in the Ministry.